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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

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1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA ASKED CHARGE TO CALL ON HIM AUGUST 8 FOR DISCUSSION MWAANGA'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY AUGUST 15. HE STRESSED SERIOUSNESS OF EFFORT BEING MADE PREPARE FOR MEETING AND DEEP ZAMBIAN CONCERN IT BE "SUCCESS." (AS INDICATED LUSAKA 1622, CHONA AND MWAANGA MAKING ENERGETIC EFFORT LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE SECRETARY AND HIS VIEWS.) HE HOPED RESULT WOULD BE GREATER U.S. FOCUS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM AND ON HOW U.S. MIGHT TAKE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY PRESENT MOVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE COLONIES TO INFLUENCE COURSE OF EVENTS. NOTING IDENTITY OF U.S.-ZAMBIAN VIEWS ON ULTIMATE GOAL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAID JOINING OF U.S. VOICE TO THOSE OF AFRICANS WOULD HAVE POWERFUL EFFECT, PARTICULARLY ON SOUTH AFRICANS. HE AGAIN URGED HIGH LEVEL U.S. CONTACT WITH LIBERATION GROUPS, PARTICULARLY FRELIMO, IN U.S. OWN INTEREST.

2. CHONA SAID HE HAD BEEN WORRIED IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT ATMOSPHERE AND PROSPECTS FOR TALKS, BUT HE VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE SECRETARY'S REASSURANCE TO NEWSMEN TUESDAY U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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3. ASIDE FROM REEMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO MORE ACTIVE AND HELPFUL U.S. ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, CHONA POSED IN COURSE CONVERSATION SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH IT EVIDENT HE HOPES WILL BE ADDRESSED IN WASHINGTON MEETING. HOW DO WE VIEW PROSPECTS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA? WHAT DO WE THINK IS LIKELY EVOLUTION IN NAMIBIA? WHAT IS U.S. VIEW OF SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN GENERAL; MORE SPECIFICALLY, IS THERE FEAR IT MIGHT FALL UNDER COMMUNIST DOMINATION? UNSPOKEN QUESTION THROUGHOUT OF COURSE WAS WHAT WILL BE U.S. POSTURE IN ALL THIS?

4. REPEATING MUCH OF WHAT HE HAD SAID ON EARLIER OCCASIONS, CHONA GAVE HIS VIEW OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE EVOLUTION IN WAKE OF RECENT EVENTS FOLLOWING ON PORTUGUESE COUP. REFERRING SEVERAL TIMES TO LUSAKA MANIFESTO, HE UNDERScoreD NEED FOR PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. HE TENDED AVOID ANGOLAN QUESTION AND CENTERED HIS REMARKS ON MOZAMBIQUE. SAID PROSPECTS THERE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE THAN HAD BEEN CASE IN BELGIAN CONGO. IN LATTER CASE, BELGIANS SIMPLY WALKED OUT, LEAVING NOTHING BEHIND. IN MOZAMBIQUE THERE IS A DURABLE STRUCTURE AND FRELIMO PROVIDES ABLE AND WISE LEADERSHIP.

5. IN CHONA VIEW, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO STIMULATE SIMULTANEOUS FORWARD MOVEMENT IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. IF SMITH REGIME CONTINUED INFLEXIBLY ON PRESENT COURSE, SUCCESS OF INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE COUNTRY'S ATTENTION AND ENERGY WOULD BE DIVERTED FROM MEETING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS AND BUILDING OF MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY.

6. SOUTH AFRICA, IN ITS OWN INTEREST, SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO SHED PROFITLESS BURDEN OF SUPPORTING RHODESIA. MORE-OVER, CONSEQUENCES OF PORTUGUESE COUP OUGHT TO HELP SOUTH AFRICANS SEE DESIRABILITY AND ADVANTAGE OF GIVING UP NAMIBIA. AS LUSAKA MANIFESTO MAKES CLEAR, SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF PRESENTS AN ISSUE OF QUITE DIFFERENT

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NATURE AND REQUIRES DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN REST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. AS THE OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES DEVELOP AND DEMONSTRATE THE VIABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETIES, THE SOUTH AFRICANS CAN SETTLE DOWN AND BEGIN TO DEAL RATIONALLY WITH THEIR OWN SITUATION. IN TIME THEY WILL PERCEIVE AFRICAN OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO DRAG DOWN THE WHITES AND DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND LEVEL OF LIVING; IT IS

RATHER TO BRING THE BLACKS UP.
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